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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (CLEARANCE)

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TAGS: PDIP, SHUM, CVIS, JA, KS

SUBJECT: FRASER INVITATION TO KOREAN RESIDENTS IN JAPAN

REFS: (A) TOKYO 11137; (B) TOKYO 11050.

1. DEPT HAS RECEIVED QUERY FROM REP. FRASER'S KOREAN INVESTIGATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE STAFF ON WHETHER DEPT WOULD DELIVER OFFICIAL CONGRESSIONAL INVITATION TO THREE KOREAN RESIDENTS OF JAPAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE SUBCOMMITTEE (REF TELS). WE HAVE INFORMED STAFF DIRECTOR BOB BOETTCHER THAT, CONFIDENTIAL

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IF CONGRESSMAN FRASER WISHES TO INVITE THE KOREANS, THE DEPT WILL SEND HIS LETTER OF INVITATION TO EMBASSY TOKYO FOR FORWARDING TO THE INVITEES IN A MANNER DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE EMBASSY. WE ALSO TOLD BOETTCHER THAT DEPT WOULD CONSIDER THIS AN OFFICIAL INVITATION FROM THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF THE USG AND THAT THE EMBASSY WOULD SO INFORM GOJ MINISTRY OF JUSTICE IF ASKED; HOWEVER, DEPART-

MENT DOES NOT TAKE ANY POSITION ON INVITATION.

2. FYI. DEPT TOLD BOETTCHER THAT WE HAVE SEEN UNSUBSTANTIATED SOUTH KOREAN PRESS REPORTS WHICH DESCRIBE KWAK TONG EUI AS A "MOST TRUSTED NORTH KOREAN OPERATIVE" IN THE SAVE THE KIM TAE-CHUNG COMMITTEE. WHILE NOT MAKING ANY JUDGMENT OF THE TRUTH OF THE ARTICLE, WE POINTED OUT POSSIBILITY OF PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUIREMENT FOR WAIVER ACTION PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF A U.S. VISA IF ANY OF THOSE INVITED ARE ASSOCIATED WITH A COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION.

3. THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN THIS CASE BY JAPANESE REPORTERS IN WASHINGTON; FOR THE PRESENT WE ARE OFFERING NO COMMENT ON THE MATTER. VANCE

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